

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON NEW ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

Thursday, November 29, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 521, House Office Building

Chair Clemente called the Standing Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Hammel, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga (7/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Clack, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (4/11)

The **Chair** announced that **Representative Hammel** would be temporarily replacing **Representative Griffin**, who is on medical leave.

Representative Huizenga moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on October 25, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Meadows moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Clemente** excused **Representatives Clack, Hildenbrand, Garfield** and **Pastor**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 5356 - 5358** before the committee.

HB 5356	Huizenga	Businesses; business corporations; definitions of "professional service" and "services in a learned profession"; include, and revise certain conversion procedures.
HB 5357	Meisner	Businesses; professional corporations; definition of "professional services"; revise and include definition of "services in a learned profession".
HB 5358	Clemente	Businesses; limited liability companies; definition of "professional service"; revise.

Ann Baker, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, presented background information regarding the bills, answered questions, and submitted written material.

Cyril Moscow, representing the State Bar of Michigan, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Dyck Van Koevering, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

David Field, representing the Allstate Insurance Company, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

Mary Nemeth, representing the Allstate Insurance Company, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

Cyril Moscow and **Ann Baker** returned to the testimony table to answer additional questions.

Phil Douma, representing the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

James Carey, representing the State Bar of Michigan;

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors; and

Cindy Schnetzler, representing the Michigan Optometric Association.

George Carr, representing the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, submitted a testimony card indicating **support** for a proposed **Substitute (H-1) to House Bill 5356** and a **neutral** position on **House Bills 5357** and **5358**, but did not wish to speak.

Carl Alden, representing the Michigan Association of Chiropractors, submitted a testimony card indicating **support** for proposed **Substitute (H-1) to House Bill 5356** and proposed **Substitute (H-1) to House Bill 5357**, and **House Bill 5358**, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Adrian Cazal, representing Farmers Insurance;

Heather Drake, representing AAA Michigan; and

Amy Shalley, representing State Farm Insurance Company.

Rob Anderson, representing Farm Bureau, submitted a testimony in **opposition** to **House Bill 5356**, but did not wish to speak.

Jim Miller, representing the Michigan Insurance Coalition, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bills, unless modified, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Huizenga explained the intent of **proposed Substitute (H-1) to House Bill 5356**.

Representative Huizenga moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1) to House Bill 5356**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Hammel, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga (7/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Huizenga explained the intent of proposed **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 5357**.

Representative Huizenga moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 5357**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Hammel, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga (7/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Huizenga moved to report **House Bill 5356**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Hammel, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga (7/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Meisner moved to report **House Bill 5357**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Hammel, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga (7/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Huizenga moved to report **House Bill 5358** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Hammel, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Huizenga (7/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **10:39 a.m.**

Representative Ed Clemente, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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